

League of Women Voters of Mason County Board of Directors Meeting, on Zoom, May 1, 2026

Present: Lynn B., Peggy J., Carole W., Patti B., Dee Ann K.P., Lynda L., Peggy M., Amy D., Eileen P.

Lynn called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the April 10, 2026, Board Meeting were approved with the Amendment of changing the Superior Court Judge to Supreme Court Judge as the Keynote Speaker at the League State Council in June, 2026.

Members shared their responses to the question how are you supporting the May Day Strong movement if you do support it.

Board Action: Ad Hoc Committee Requests. Discussion began with the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee. Peggy M. will start recruiting new members who may wish to be involved. If the Bylaw changes are approved at the May 19, 2026, General Membership meeting, the committee will be announced. Patti moved, Dee Ann seconded, and the motion carried to approve the Ad-Hoc Elections committee. Amy will announce at the May 19, 2026, General membership meeting.

Carole W. led a discussion on Governance of the Mason County League. After consideration, it was decided not to include the financial record, as it has another procedure. Dee Ann asked about the expected outcomes. Discussion centered on decision making, leadership principles, reaction to outside world issues, and best practices which other Leagues have adopted. Carole is proposing a committee of three to develop clear processes and policies. Dee Ann moved, Patti seconded, and the motion passed to introduce this committee at the May 19, 2026, General Membership meeting.

Amy will include the designation of the two committees and send them with the May 19, 2026 General Membership meeting announcement for a vote at the meeting.

Leadership Team. Dee Ann reported the State Board has now passed the new membership procedure to the State. Our local League is caught up with the payment to the state. The PMP will go into the reserve fund since the state League membership is caught up. The Zoom license, pocket constitutions, stickers and pins, will come from the Education Fund. Patti, Treasurer, will need to submit the League license and insurance. Cheryl Williams is the nominee for State Treasurer to take Dee Ann's position.

Amy reported that the State President's meeting focused on the LWV-WA Council June 6 and 7, There will be a caucus on leadership models. Amy will represent our model the last few years. She also reported Grays Harbor County is starting a local League and had asked for our help. Regarding Council, Peggy J. had mentioned she had an extra registration, which will go to a needy member who wishes to attend but is unable to pay the registration fee. Also, the Education Fund can support up to 60% of registration.

Lynn reported 5 delegates right now: Amy, Lynda, Patti, Peggy J., Carole. Lynn also requested that interested members email Lynn if they are attending the Thurston County spring meeting.

By-Laws Committee. The revised By-Laws, Ad Hoc Elections Committee and Governance Committee, will be voted on at the May 19, 2026, General Membership Meeting. Peggy M. explained

the two documents on the ad hoc committees attached to the agenda.

Nominating Committee. Lynda listed the slate of officers proposed: Amy-President, Peggy J.- Vice President, Eileen-Secretary, Patti-Treasurer. Committee chairs will be appointed at the Summer Retreat.

Treasurer. Patti presented the balances as of April 30, 2026: Checking is \$8113.16, Savings is \$1, CD is \$1199.23, our Education Fund is \$7391.16. There are currently 94 members on the roster. The rent for the Sacred Water June Annual meeting will be \$500. We will keep expenses down by bringing the coffee and pot luck. Other expenses were \$415.36 for 20 copies of “The State We're In,” \$100 for April meeting location, and \$325 for TRY brochure printing. It was agreed to have the boot present, but not pass it, at the May General Membership meeting.

Civic Storytelling. Peggy M. announced Michael Bowman, the administrator from the Secretary of State's office overseeing rural outreach, is dedicating the month of May to Mason County. May 11 will be the day 14 Cedar Stewards will record, Early contributors to the Growth Management Act are also being interviewed. Carolyn M. was quoted, “Every League member is a resource to the League, and the League is a resource to the community.” Peggy M. will present and maybe have a table at the Council in June.

Lynn is putting together a scrapbook of the historical League documents she has in boxes. Lynda and Peggy M. will join her.

Voter Services. Dee Ann announced the next Voter Services meeting at 10am May 4, 2026, on Zoom. Lynda announced the Speed Dating event October 15, 2026, at the Public Works Building on Hwy 101. There may be 12 candidates, so time will be limited, perhaps 4 minutes.

Member Services. Lynn shared a chart on the roles members signed up as interested. Gloria S. will work on event tabling.

Observer Corps. No report. Terri P. will report in the future.

Advocacy. Amy reported the alarming cuts to the Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court of the United States. Karen Crowley has yard signs available. One League focus will be gearing up to vote. Contact your representatives in the House and Senate to protect voting rights. Also attend rallies.

Programs. The May 19, 2026, General Membership Meeting will include an Intellectual Freedom panel. Llyn D. will introduce Mary Boone, who was banned from JBLM for her “woke” ideas, Christina Techavanich, children's librarian at Shelton Timberland Library, and Sean Lotz, Librarian.

The June 16, 2026, Annual Meeting and Potluck: we are looking for a speaker on Democracy. Peggy M. will attempt to gather some storytelling interviews.

Good of the Order. Patti mentioned Constitution Day is September 17. Dee Ann will get more pocket constitutions. Perhaps we could read the Constitution at the library.

Friday, May 22, 2026, is the screening of the film “Salt of the Earth” at Marmo's Cafe in Shelton, with

follow-up discussion at the Timberland Library in Shelton.

Carolyn M. of Hypatia is having an event Friday, May 15, 2026, with Dr. Amie Thurber.

Amy brought up a book that focuses on freedom, "Hitler in L.A." by Steven Ross, 2017.

Lynn adjourned the meeting at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eileen Perfremment
Secretary